



HISTORICAL SOCIETY of FREDERICK COUNTY

Byerly-Rothwell PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

2015

Contest Information & Guidelines

The Byerly-Rothwell Photography Contest encourages individuals of all ages to discover the history of Frederick County through photography. The annual contest is supported through the generosity of the Rothwell Family Foundation and is open to individuals of all ages, amateurs and professionals, who reside or attend school in Frederick County. Contest entries should depict some aspect of Frederick County, Maryland history or heritage. Subjects include, but are not limited to, historic structures, historical objects, places of historical significance, important events, notable individuals, and traditional activities.

JACOB BYERLY & THE BYLERY PHOTOGRAPHIC LEGACY

The contest is named for the Byerly-Rothwell family in honor and memory of Jacob Byerly, Frederick County's earliest professional photographer. Just three years after the advent of photography, Jacob Byerly opened his photographic studio in Frederick. Three generations of the Byerly family operated the studio in Frederick from 1842 to 1915. In 1868, Jacob Byerly sold the business to his son, John Davis Byerly, who carried on until 1899 when he passed it on to his own son, Charles Byerly. The Byerlys specialized in portraiture but also took numerous photographs of buildings, places, and events in Frederick and the surrounding county. Many of the best early images of Frederick and Frederick County can be attributed to these three men.



Jacob Byerly self-portrait

CONTEST BRACKETS & AWARDS

Three prizes may be awarded in each of the four categories.

Adult Categories: **Amateur** (age 18+ who do not /have not earned a livelihood from photography) / **Professional**

First Prize—\$100 • Second Prize—\$75 • Third Prize—\$50

Student Categories: **Primary** (under age 12) / **Secondary** (ages 13-18)

Student Prizes: First Prize—\$75 • Second Prize—\$50 • Third Prize—\$25

Best in Show (awarded to overall top entry)—\$150

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IMPORTANT DATES



Byerly photograph of the 1868 Frederick flood aftermath.

- Contest entries must be received by **August 29, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.** at the Museum of Frederick County History, 24 E. Church Street, Frederick. (*The museum is open Tuesday-Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and Sunday, 1:00-4:00 p.m.*) Entries are not accepted digitally.
- Winners will be notified by September 11, 2015.
- Awards will be presented on **September 24, 2015** at a reception at the Museum of Frederick County History.
- Winning entries will be exhibited at the Museum of Frederick County History from September 30 to October 30, 2015.
- All non-winning entries must be picked up at the museum between **September 25 and October 30, 2015.**

CONTEST RULES

- Contest participants must reside or attend school in Frederick County, Maryland.
- Contest entries must have been created within one year of the contest deadline.
- Entries may be color or monochrome.
- Digital manipulation/enhancement of photographic images is permitted **only to the extent possible using traditional photographic and development techniques.**
- Colorization of black and white photographs is permissible, **if the process is completed by hand** and not through digital enhancement.
- Collages of multiple photographs are not permissible; collages consisting of many items in a single photo are permitted.
- Entries must be printed on photo quality paper (matte or gloss) no smaller than and no larger than **8" x 10"**.
- **Entries must be matted. (Primary Students matting is optional.)** Mounting on foam core is not permitted. Framing is not required and will not affect judging.
- No labels or text should appear on the front of the entry, unless part of photo subject.
- Contest participants are limited to no more than three entries per annual contest.
- Contest participants may enter only in one category. For this contest, a professional is defined as an individual who earns a livelihood, or has earned a livelihood in the past, from photography, either through direct employment or selling of photographs or photographic services.
- All entries must be accompanied by a completed entry form. A form should be completed for each entry, with the appropriate portion attached to the reverse of the photograph.
- Entries must be received by the contest deadline in order to be considered for judging. Late entries and those missing required information will not be considered for prizes.
- **Disposition/Use of Entries:** Winning entries will not be returned. All winning entries become the possession of the Historical Society of Frederick County and will be added to its permanent archival collection. Non-winning contest entries will remain in the possession of the Historical Society through the awards event. Entries may be picked up at the Museum of Frederick County History between September 25 and October 9, 2015 during regular museum hours. Entries not claimed within 30 days will be discarded. The Historical Society reserves the right to use any entry for publicity purposes.

JUDGING

A panel of judges selected by the Historical Society of Frederick County based upon recognized expertise or knowledge in the areas of photography, history, and/or art, and a representative of the Byerly/Rothwell family will individually score entries. Judges will use the following criteria: use of historical theme; composition; focus; exposure; lighting; and creativity. Winners will be selected based upon agreement by the judges and/or tabulation of scores. Judges' selections will be final.

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Charles Byerly, c.1895.